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WELFARE CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped welfare centres in Orissa;

(b) the details of facilities provided to the handicapped persons by the Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;

(c) the latest position of progress made by them;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate a clear cut National Policy for handicapped persons;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) 5 districts in Orissa have been identified for setting up of District DisabilityRehabilitation Centres. The Centres at Phulbani and Koraput are functioning and those at Sambhalpur, Mayurbhanj and Kolahandi are in the process of becoming functional. Besides, a District Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) at Bhubaneshwar, theNational Institute for Rehabilitation Training and Reserch (NIRTAR) and Regional Rehabilitation Centre (RRC) at Cuttack have been set up.

(b)&(c) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) extends loans to persons with disabilities for pursuing education at higher levels and assists them in upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills, procurement of raw material for them and marketing of finished goods and for starting small business, trade, cottage industries, agricultural and allied activities etc. The corporation has so far disbursed loans amounting to Rs. 33.47 crore covering 7448 beneficiaries.

(d) to (f) A National Policy on Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation is at advanced stage of formulation.